

Town and County.

—Put it 1917.

—Miles of mud holes in Watauga just now.

—New years greetings to one and all of our readers.

—Begin the new year with a resolution to get even, at least, with your county paper just as soon as possible.

—Miss Blanche Brown, of R. F. D. 1, is spending a few weeks with her uncle, Mr. Jacob Brown, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

—Misses Fay and Dora Greer, of the Cove Creek section, and Misses Eddie Kerley and Hattie Lay, of Bamboo, were holiday visitors in Boone.

—Mr. G. C. Winkler, of Route 1, has been a very sick man for several days, but as we close our forms, he is thought to be a little better.

—Miss Verlee Winkler, who has employment in Charlotte, as a milliner, spent the holidays with her parents just east of the village.

—Mrs. Henry Hardin, with her little daughter, Martha, spent the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Blackburn in Boone.

—It is said that Mr. Eli Green, of Route 1, was married during the holidays, but The Democrat has not been informed as to who the lucky lady is. Anyway, here are congratulations, Eli.

—Rev. M. A. Adams has been conducting a series of meetings at Bethel church on Beaver Dam, since Christmas day, and we are told that great interest is being manifested.

—For the lack of time we have been unable to make all the desired changes in our advertising columns this week, but hope to get everything in good shape by our next issue.

—Say, kind reader, did you ever peruse the pages of a paper that the blank stock used in its manufacture cost 10 cents per pound? If not, when you receive the next issue of The Democrat you will have that privilege.

—Miss Allie Henry Penn, the talented teacher of music in the Jefferson School, after spending the holidays with home folks in Boone, returned to her work, in which she is taking so much interest, on Monday.

—Mr. H. E. Deal, of Sherwood, passed through the village last Friday to visit his brother, Atty. J. C. Fletcher, who continues very ill at his hotel in Lenoir. He is, however, improving slightly, and his physicians are now of the opinion that he may yet recover.

—Our patrons, many of them, have been treating us nicely of late, but there are others who pay no attention whatever, to our appeals for what they are due. If you owe the paper, pay it; if you don't owe it, you are aware of it and this is not intended for you.

—A meeting of days which had been in progress at Oak Grove, came to a close last Tuesday when six were received into the church by baptism, and several others restored. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. M. Gagg, assisted by Rev. Will Pennell.

—Mr. Russel D. Hodges, who closed a very successful school at Tracy just before Christmas, was with his parents in Boone a few days, leaving on Tuesday for Elizabethton, Tenn., where he will either take a position with his uncle, Mr. M. F. Hopkins, or go on to Petersburg, Va., to take a course in a business college.

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA

—Mr. R. P. Robertson, of Cranberry, a civil engineer, was in the village the first of the week and intended to do some road surveying while here, but the indisposition of Commissioner Brown prevented it. The gentleman has promised us some good roads articles for publication in the near future.

—The Democrat is indebted to its good friend, Mr. G. R. Long, of Lockhart, Florida, for a crate of oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, etc.—the very finest we have ever seen—gathered from trees of his own planting. Mrs. Long also sent to Mrs. Rivers a box of kumquats, the smallest of the citrus family. These friends in the Land of Flowers, have our most sincere thanks for the much enjoyed Christmas present.

—Rev. J. G. Pulliam, of Lompoc, California, was a holiday visitor for a few days in this section, leaving yesterday morning for Lenoir. He will visit his son, Robert at the University; spend a short while at Wake Forest College, and, on his return, will stop off for a short while with his brother at Bryson City; thence home, where he expects to arrive by Feb. 1. We were all pleased to see him again, but sorry his stay was necessarily so short.

—Atty. Frank A. Linney is attending court at Mountain City, Tenn., this week. He appears for the state in the case of Roby Wills, who slew James Church, of Watauga, near that town last fall. Mr. Linney went via. Shulls Mills, Elk Park and Elizabethton Tenn., rather than to undertake the trip of 23 miles by private conveyance that intervenes between the two towns. And thirteen miles of this would-be highway, is in Watauga too!

—The most thoughtful and handsome present of which we heard during the holidays, was a check for \$25.00, from Mr. W. W. Stringfellow at his Alabama home, drawn to Prof. I. G. Greer of Boone, for the benefit of the unfortunate poor in Watauga's make-shift for a county home. The amount was expended for much-needed clothing, and the genuine gratitude manifested by the recipients, would have repaid the big-hearted philanthropist many times for his outlay, could he but have witnessed it.

—The public school in Boone, under the management of Prof. W. G. Hartzog, assisted by Misses Annie Sherwood and Turney B. Warden, will close tomorrow, and it is generally understood by the patrons that, taken from all view-points, it has been the most successful term ever taught in the village. Aside from the arduous labor in the school room, during the term Prof. Hartzog has given more than 30 days work on the building and grounds and a neatly painted, beautifully furnished house, the pride of the public school houses in the county, is the result. Mr. Hartzog was heard to say that, in all his experience in the school room he had never taught a more ideal crowd of children, and further—that if there was a moral or mental defect in any one of the 130 pupils, he had been unable to detect it.

Training School Items.

The teachers and many of the students, who spent the holidays with friends at home, have returned to begin their work for the new year.

Remodeling and improving of stoves and other fixtures about the School has been the order for several days preparatory for the opening of the second half year.

Quite a number of new students are already in and many more are to come. A few of the old ones will not return for various reasons.

They are bridging again the new channel for Reddies River on the Watauga & Yadkin River rail road, made necessary by the flood of last July,

Mr. Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, has been chosen by Gov. Bicket as his private Secretary.

Notice to Creditors.

All persons owing us are requested to make settlement either with cash or by note and security before the first Monday in Feb., 1917, or their accounts will be put out for collection.

H. C. HAYES & Co.  
Blowing Rock, N. C.

Notice of Administration.

The undersigned, having been appointed and duly qualified as Administrator of the estate of Jerre Day, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to exhibit the same before me on or before the 1st day of Jan., 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 1st day of Jan. 1917.

M. W. DAY, Administrator.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County. In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk, E. J. Norris, Adm. of the estate of John F. Mitchell deceased, Vs. Ann Mitchell, wife of John F. Mitchell, Frank Mitchell, Kirt Mitchell, Andy Mitchell, Joseph Mitchell, Carroll Mitchell, Pat Mitchell, Linda Grimes and the heirs of Bert Mitchell, names unknown, all being the heirs at law of John F. Mitchell, deceased.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga County, before the Clerk, to sell the lands of the said John F. Mitchell, Dec'd, to make assets for the purpose of paying off and discharging the indebtedness of the said John F. Mitchell; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before me at my office in Boone, Watauga County, N. C. on Monday the 30th day of Jan., 1917, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said action. This 20th day of Dec., 1916.

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"The store with a pedigree and a reputation."

Equipped with the most complete line and greatest variety of drug merchandise to be found between Charlotte and Asheville.

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Notice to Creditors.

All persons indebted to the firms of Cook & Lemley, or I. M. Cook & Co., formerly of Virgil, N. C., will please settle at once with me at Todd, N. C. All accounts not settled by Jan. 10, will be put out for collection.

I. M. COOK.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

North Carolina, Watauga County. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Alfred Moretz, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of Nov., 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward at once and make settlement. This 13th day of Nov., 1916.

V. L. MORETZ, Administrator.

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| Rainbow's End.....                    | " 1.20 " " 1.35              |
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| The Rising Tide.....                  | " 1.20 " " 1.35              |
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New Year's Resolutions.

As New Years Resolutions are now in order, allow me to suggest one that may save you a good many hard earned dollars during the year 1917.

Resolve that you will buy the most goods for the least money, and that you will examine my stock and prices before buying at all. I am well prepared to take care of your wants and will take pleasure in doing it. My stock will be fuller this year than ever before, and I am prepared to sell at as close a margin as any one. Thanking you for your past patronage, and hoping to merit a continuation of the same by selling you good goods at right prices I am,

Yours for 1917,

J. S. WINKLER

We Can Supply  
all Your Wants.

Whatever you may need for your personal wear, for your family or for your home, we can fill your requirements satisfactorily to you. I can please you as to quality, variety of selection, and—most important of all—price.

There is no need of your going to half a dozen different kinds of stores to make your purchases. My stocks are complete in every department and you can find right here just as wide a range to choose from as you could anywhere else.

I keep posted on all new products and all the latest styles—I try to give you all the advantages of the city buyers.

BUY AT HOME.

My buying experience protects you against poor merchandise—I select the market's best.

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WIN.

When you buy hardware you depend upon the integrity of the dealer to sell you an article that will make good. That is where you win when you come to us. We do not handle any of the "cheap" stuff that is made to sell at a big profit. When we sell it to you it is guaranteed to be exactly as we represent it, and you are protected, whether your purchase be five cents or a hundred dollars.

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